

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

31st January 2020

Outstanding Choir Performance

I had the pleasure of attending the 'Young Voices' concert this week at the Genting Arena, Birmingham. KS2 choir members from Five Ways performed alongside other school choirs from across the West Midlands. Just over 100 of our pupils took part in the concert and performed in front of families and friends in a choir made up of approximately 6500 pupils. The atmosphere in the arena was amazing and the sound of thousands of children singing in harmony was beautiful. The choir sang with accompaniment from a wide range of musicians and artists to create a remarkable performance. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr McFarlane, who is our music teacher, for preparing our choir before the event and to all of the Five Ways staff who attended and supervised the children. In addition, I would like to thank all of the parents and family members who supported the concert and went along to watch the performance. Well done everyone!



Nursery Open Day

This is a reminder that application forms for Nursery places in September 2020 are available to access on our school website via the 'Information for Parents' tab, or alternatively by following this link: <https://www.fiveways-primary-school.org.uk/school-information/admissions>

If you would like to take part in a tour of our purpose built nursery building, meet our dedicated and experienced Nursery staff and enjoy fun games and activities with your child, we are offering 'drop-in' sessions on Thursday 6th February. Please come along with your child to our morning session 9.15am – 10.15am (by appointment only through the school office) or drop-in after school between 3.30pm – 5.00pm. Refreshments will be available as well!

If you would prefer a personalised tour of our Nursery accommodation as well as a tour of the rest of our school, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with me through the school office, and I would be more than happy to show you around.



Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning
3rd February 2020 – Menu week
2.

7th February - Enrichment Day -
Maths Day and Active Maths
Sponsored Event – **PE kits and
trainers to be worn all day.**

W/B 10th February - Parent/Teacher
Consultations **Year 6 Parents only**
(After School Appointments)

11th February – Safer Internet Day
(More details to follow)

11th February – PTFA Meeting
7.15pm KS1 Staffroom (All
welcome!)

13th February - Year 6 Parents'
Evening Consultation Appointments
6pm – 8.30pm

14th February - School Closes for
Half Term *Normal Times (Non-
Uniform day in exchange for Easter
Bingo chocolate donation for £1
monetary donation.)*

24th February - School Opens for
Pupils

**Further dates will be added to the
Newsletter as we progress through
the year.**

Bad Weather Procedures

In the unusual event that school is unable to open for pupils, parents will be informed via text at the earliest opportunity. In addition, any closure will be reported on the Staffordshire school closure website which can be accessed by using the following link:

<https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/sln/schoolclosures/>

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Maths Day / Sponsored Active Maths Activity

This is reminder that all year groups will be taking part in a maths day, held on **Friday 7th February**, where the focus for learning for the whole day will be on active engagement and enjoyment of maths. Our pupils will also be carrying out their sponsored event on this day which will have an active maths focus. A copy of your child's sponsor form has been sent home last week and a description of the activity has been placed at the top of the sponsor form for your information. Due to the nature of the sponsored event, all pupils are requested to come to school dressed in their PE kit and trainers on 7th February and wear them throughout the day, so that they are dressed appropriately to take part in their active maths activity. Dark coloured tracksuits can be worn over the top of PE kits, as it is likely that the active maths activity will take place outside.



PTFA News!

Tuesday 11th February – PTFA Meeting - 7.15pm KS1 Staffroom (*All welcome!*)

Year 6 Leavers' T-shirts and Hoodies 2020 – A letter was sent home last week with further details and an order form. The deadline for orders is **14th February** at the latest.

PTFA Easter Discos – New Event! – A letter with more details has been sent home today. Easter discos will be taking place as follows:

Thursday 19th March 2020 -
Year 1: 4.00pm - 4.45pm KS2 Hall. Year 2: 5.00pm - 5.45pm KS2 Hall. Year 3 and Year 4: 6.15pm - 7.15pm KS2 Hall. Year 5 and Year 6: 7.30pm - 8.30pm KS2 Hall.

Easter Chocolate Bingo – 27th March - Full details of this event will be announced in the next couple of weeks. It is always popular and sells out fast. Friday 14th February is a non-uniform day in return for Easter themed chocolate or a monetary donation. (Suggested amount £1.)

Easter Egg Hunt – 3rd April – On the final day before the Easter holidays we will see our Easter Egg Hunt take place. Details for this event have been sent home today.

Five Ways Lottery - Tickets can be bought by following the link:
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school



Congratulations! I am very proud to announce that we were awarded a 5 star 'Food Hygiene' rating in a recent inspection of our school kitchen. This is an outstanding result and something that we are very pleased about. I would like to thank Ms Cooke and the rest of the catering team for working so hard and for ensuring our school meals are prepared to such a high standard. Well done everyone!



Dangerous Parking

It is with regret that I am writing to you again, to express my concern regarding dangerous parking around school during drop off and collection times. I feel very anxious about the safety of our pupils during these times. As a school, we are working with local PCSOs to discourage dangerous and inconsiderate parking. However, I am disappointed to report that some people who have been approached regarding their parking have reacted in a rude and discourteous manner towards local residents and our PCSOs. I would like to remind everyone that the safety of our pupils is of utmost importance and dangerous parking, or abuse of people, will not be tolerated and will be reported to the police immediately. Thank you for your continued support.



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